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MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Director (Research)

SUBJECT : The Question of OSA Procurement Authority

REFERENCE : a. Memo for DD/R from AAD/OSA, dated 28 August 1962; Subject OSA Procurement Authority [REDACTED] 1993-62)

b. Memo for ADCI from DD/R; Subject: Delegation of OSA-DD/R Contracting Officer Authority [REDACTED] 1994-62)

c. Memo for C/CD/OSA from DD/R; Subject: Designation of OSA-DD/R Contracting Officer [REDACTED] 1995-62)

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1. I am writing you a brief note of explanation regarding the attached references which deal with the question of our posture with regard to the retention of contracting authority for [REDACTED]. I believe you will discover from Reference a. an explanation of how the system has functioned in the past and a recommendation in paragraph 13 of what we would hold to be desirable for the future. To a large extent you may find this paper useful as a talking document, although I see no reason why a copy could not be left with Colonel White and/or General Carter for their use as background material.

2. Reference b. is proposed for your signature to General Carter in effect outlining the terms of reference under which you would propose [REDACTED] act. You will notice that this contains an approval line for the Acting Director's signature.

3. Reference c. is self-explanatory but, of course, is not valid unless General Carter signs Reference b., and full responsibility for the continuation of the contracting mechanism we propose devolves upon us.

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4. Once you have digested these papers, you may wish to indicate to Colonel White that we are ready for a meeting with General Carter on the subject.

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